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Public Review Period Begins for Title V Permit for Sonoma County Central Landfill

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has made a preliminary decision to grant a Title V permit to the Sonoma County Central Landfill, located at 500 Mecham Road in Petaluma. This commences a minimum 30-day public review period in which any member of the public may submit written comments on the permit's ability to determine compliance with regulations. Community members may also request a public hearing.

"We encourage members of the public to contact us to obtain copies of the permit, our regulations, and other information related to the facility," said Ellen Garvey, the Air District's Executive Officer. The public comment period will end on October 13, 2000. The final permitting decision will take into account issues raised during this period of public review.

What is Title V?

Title V is a requirement of the 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act, which requires state and local governments, under the authority of the EPA, to develop and implement comprehensive operating permits for all major pollution-emitting facilities.

In the Bay Area, the Air District has administered its own comprehensive operating permit program for over two decades. The Air District's relatively new Title V operating permit program—known as the *Major Facility Review* program—is implemented under Air District Regulation 2, Rule 6. It represents an integration of our existing permit program with Title V requirements. Most of the facilities applying for a Title V permit have been operating under the Air District's previous regulatory structure.

A copy of the proposed permit, along with a copy of Air District regulations, is available in electronic form on the District's website www.baaqmd.gov. You may also call the District's Public Information Office at (415) 749-4900 for copies. **Public comments should be submitted in writing to:**

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